

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-17 (Canceled)

<sup>1</sup>  
~~18.~~ (Currently amended) A biologically pure isolate comprising *Trichosporon* FERM BP-6445 having activity for decomposing a polyester containing an aromatic moiety.

<sup>2</sup>  
~~19.~~ (Currently amended) The biologically pure isolate comprising *Trichosporon* FERM BP-6445 as claimed in claim ~~18~~, wherein the polyester is a homopolymer or copolymer of an alkylene terephthalate.

<sup>3</sup>  
~~20.~~ (Currently amended) <sup>2</sup>The biologically pure isolate comprising *Trichosporon* FERM BP-6445 as claimed in claim ~~19~~, wherein the alkylene terephthalate is selected from the group consisting of ethylene terephthalate, propylene terephthalate and butylenes terephthalate.

Claims 21-23(Canceled)